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Title: Methods and Apparatus for Decision Support Activation  
and Management in Product Life Cycle Management

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Sir:

To date, we have received no communication or official action from the Examiner in charge of the above-identified patent application. Please let us know the status of this case.

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